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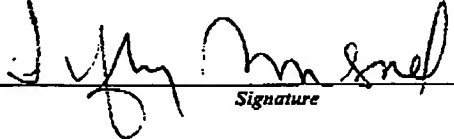
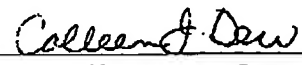
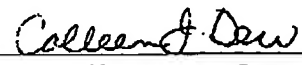
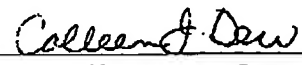
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In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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